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(C) On June 15, using reftel talking points, we solicited French support for the U.S. candidate for NATO Senior Civilian Representative in Afghanistan, Ambassador David Litt. MFA official responsible for NATO's operations in Afghanistan Xavier Chatel promised to discuss the nomination with senior MFA officials. Chatel said he was not aware of other candidates at this point. He expressed understanding for our interest in the SCR, given our increasing engagement in Afghanistan, but also took the opportunity to caution that a French redline on the SCR position is that NATO not look for new resources for the SCR.

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